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*H.R. 365 - The Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act of 2007*

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Thank you, Mr. Hall. I am proud to join you, Chairman Gordon and Mr. Wu as the lead sponsors of H.R. 365, the Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act of 2007. I appreciate the Chairman bringing this very important issue to the Congress' attention and for steering the bill quickly through the Committee at the start of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress. I also thank the Committee's Majority and Minority staffs who have diligently worked together for the last several years to develop and revise the legislation. I am truly proud that the House Science and Technology Committee is doing its part in the fight against methamphetamine by tackling those aspects that fall within our committee's jurisdiction.

As a founder and Co-Chairman of the Congressional Caucus to Fight and Control Methamphetamine, I know the meth epidemic in our country shows no deference to district or party-line. This is an issue everyone can agree is wreaking havoc on communities across the nation. As mentioned by my colleagues, H.R. 365 focuses its efforts on the procedures and standards needed to decontaminate a site where a methamphetamine lab is found so our communities can more thoroughly remediate these sites. The creation of voluntary, health-based remediation guidelines for former meth labs, crafted by the Environmental Protection Agency, will protect and ensure the health of our citizens and the surrounding environment.

This is a distressing issue with which my area of Riverside, California and quite frankly, most of America has become all too familiar. Meth poses a significant environmental threat as its production leaves behind five to six pounds of toxic waste per pound of methamphetamine produced. The Drug Enforcement Agency estimates that more than 68% of all meth labs are located in ordinary homes in rural and residential areas. State and local agencies need all the resources and tools that we can provide them to remediate the contamination that remains after meth labs are dismantled so that innocent families are not endangered. Although we are all aware that more needs to be done to win the fight against this devastating drug, I am convinced H.R. 365 will be an important step and will be welcomed by our communities.

I encourage my colleagues to pass this common sense legislation. Thank you, Mr. Hall and Mr. Chairman.